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ability, evincing that the large professional rewards in California, have called into the service of the profession many of its eminent members.

The reporter has discharged his duty in a neat, concise and masterly manner. The points in the several cases are lucidly stated, and the whole style and arrangement of the book is creditable. It is handsomely printed and well bound.

Cases in the Circuit Court of the United States for the Third Circuit. Reported by John William Wallace. Vol. II. Philadelphia: T. & J. W. Johnson. 1854. pp. 616.

This volume is quite as interesting, and contains as many, perhaps more cases of permanent interest and importance, than the first volume. We have read it with undiminished pleasure, and would gladly give our readers a full and extended notice, did our limits permit. We have already presented, by the kindness of the reporter, many of the principal points. In *Krebs vs. The Bank*, p. 49, will be found an excellent note on the vexed question as to the nature, effect and value of a judgment affirmed from necessity, in a Court of Error, by an equally divided Court. And in *Cromwell vs. The Bank*, p. 589, a vivid but sad picture of the manner in which solemn judicial records, involving many interests, are kept, or rather neglected. The cases which will probably attract the most professional attention are *Smith vs. The Creole*, p. 485; *Hanway's Case*, p. 139; *Stowe vs. Thomas*, p. 547; *Aspden's Estate*, p. 368; *Grubb vs. Bayard*, p. 31; *Goodyear vs. Day*, p. 283, and *Jones vs. The Ins. Co.*, p. 278.

Commentaries on the Jurisdiction and Peculiar Jurisprudence of the Courts of the United States. Vol. I. Containing a view of the judicial power and the jurisdiction and practice of the Supreme Court of the United States. By George Ticknor Curtis, Counsellor at Law. Philadelphia: T. & J. W. Johnson. 1854. pp. 635.

We have already called the attention of our readers to this valuable and comprehensive work. This volume is devoted to one of the most important and practical inquiries that can engage the attention of the Bar, the judicial power of the Federal Courts. A more extended knowledge of the principles, practice and mode of procedure in these Courts, has been greatly needed by the profession, and such learning has, by Mr. Curtis, been, for the first time, elaborated and put within our reach. The very latest authorities are all given, and copious and able commentaries made upon disputed questions. Nowhere is so careful an inquiry to be found as to Admiralty Jurisdiction, as in B. I. ch. 3, p. 33, et seq. Book II discusses the Original and Appellate Jurisdiction carefully and fully. We can do no better office for our readers than send them to the volume itself.